

THE GATEPOST

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The Gateway Coin Club meets regularly on the first and third Thursday of the month at Denny's Restaurant at 9550 IH 10 West near the Wurzbach exit. Meeting time is 7:00 p.m., but many members arrive between 6:00 and 6:30 for dinner and conversation. Members are encouraged to bring family and friends. Junior members are always welcomed.

JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2012

Jan. 5 - AUCTION NIGHT Lots are limited to 10 per member. Members, please remember to bring your new numismatic acquisitions for the roundtable discussion.

Jan. 19 - PROGRAM AND MINI-AUCTION Fernando R. will present an educational program this evening. The mini-auction has a limit of five lots per member.

Feb. 2 - AUCTION NIGHT There is a limit of 10 lots per member. Don't forget to your bring your favorite coin, token, book or exnumia item for the roundtable session.

Feb. 16 - PROGRAM AND MINI-AUCTION The program information is not available at this time, but will be announced at one of the meetings. The five lot mini-auction will be held this evening.

NOVEMBER 2011 RECAP

Nov. 3 - The meeting opened with **28** members in attendance. No visitors were present that night. The **attendance prize**, a Mexican 2005 one-hundred pesos 400th Anniversary coin, was given to Robert S. The coin depicts Don Quixote De La Mancha. During the meeting, several items were discussed, including a search for a new location for our Christmas party.

Eric H., our new webmaster, announced that the Gateway Coin Club website has been updated. David reminded the members about Alamo Coin Club's upcoming show to be held on November 19th. Fernando R. reported that the **roundtable** had only one item, but unfortunately he didn't provide any other details in the information he sent for inclusion in the newsletter.

The **raffle winners** were Leroy M., Stan M., (2 times), Leon W., Alex R., Andy C. and David A.

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Happy New Year 2012

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The meeting closed with a large auction that featured a variety of interesting numismatic items. Thank you to all the members who participated.

Nov. 17 - The meeting opened with **28** members and **1** visitor, who was Nancy A. The members gave a hearty welcome to new member Rene M. The **attendance prize**, a 2004 Mexican one-hundred dollar coin, was given to Fernando R. The coin commemorates the state of Jalisco. A Christmas party roster was available for members to sign-up if they wanted to attend our annual Christmas party and participate in the gift exchange. The membership cordially welcomed Cliff A. who hadn't been to the meetings for a while.

The **roundtable** was led by Ray T. who brought a 25th anniversary American Silver Eagle set. Robert J. had a State of Texas Governor's Mansion collector's medal. David A. showed an attractive Mayflower II, medal from Plymouth, Massachusetts.

The **raffle winners** were: Fernando R. (3 times), Stan M., John J., Tom B. and John.

That evening the educational program, "**Coin Images of British Monarchs**," was presented by Cliff A. To enhance his presentation, two colored information sheets were given to all the members. The sheets had images of coins that featured many British Monarchs, including William I, Henry VI, Elizabeth I, Charles I, Anne, Edward IV, James II, Cromwell, William III & Mary II, George V and Edward VIII.

Cliff spoke about "Gun money" which was an issue of coins made by the forces of James II during the Williamite War between 1689 and 1691. "The name "Gun money" stems from the idea that they were minted from melted gun metal. Because of the shortage of metal to produce the coins, several cannons were melted and turned into the much needed coins, hence the term 'gun money'

However, many other brass objects, such as church bells, pots and pans, and old cannons were used for the coins. Because even supplies of brass were scarce, the coins were made from a mixture of metals. Other materials such as old copper and pewter were also used. James II established two mints that produced the 'gun money' coinage which was struck between June 1689 and October 1690. Cliff's program provided some interesting questions for discussion.

The meeting concluded with an exciting mini-auction that featured some great items.

San Antonio Coin Show
Live Oak Civic Center **February 25, 2012**
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DECEMBER 2011 RECAP

Dec. 1 - The first meeting of the month opened with **24** members. No visitors were present that evening. Arturo G., Sr. was the lucky recipient of the **attendance prize**, which was a five pesos 1955 Mexican coin that featured Hidalgo. During the meeting there was a short discussion about several items including the upcoming Christmas Party and a correction to the previously announced address.

The **roundtable** participants brought several interesting numismatic items. Tracy T. brought a large selection of world coins, including the rare two 2002 Euro coin of San Marino, and a 2008 one Euro cent. She also had two sets of coins. One was a BU 2011 set from Uruguay and the other was a Lundy puffins coins set dated 2011. Leroy M. had a car wash token from the Hog Wash. David A. showed a book titled "*Scripophily-Collecting Bonds and Stock Certificates.*" Roger A. had an ancient Roman coin circa 360 AD.

The **raffle winners** were: Larry F., Eric H., Walter B., Leon W., Robert J. and Walter S.. One winner's name is missing because the secretary didn't send the name.

The meeting ended with a fun-filled auction that featured a selection of appealing numismatic material. A "**special thanks**" to our auctioneer David A. who did an outstanding job.

Dec. 15 - The last meeting of the year opened with **27** members and **5** visitors present. Our visitors were Nancy A., Daniella H., Linda S., Patricia R. and Jill H.. The **attendance prize**, a Mexican 1957 five pesos coin, was given to Roger A.

Members enjoyed our final meeting of the year at our annual Christmas Party which was held at Grady's Bar-B-Q. All expenses for the food served to the club members were incurred by the club. After a delicious dinner, some of the members participated in an entertaining gift exchange. The meeting closed with a mini-auction which was organized and conducted by our talented, witty and exciting auctioneer, David A.. Thank you, David, for your service to our club.

- A. What kind of coins were struck at Dahlonega, Georgia?
- B. Were United States coins first struck in 1652, 1776, 1787, 1793, or 1861?
- C. What is the smallest United States silver coin?
- D. What was the first one cent coin struck at a branch mint?

Answers: A. gold coins only B. 1793 C. trime (silver 3 cents) D. 1908 San Francisco Indian cent
(Source: Collecting Coins)

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See you next meeting,
Frank

